

January 15, 2008

Meeting Notes- Land Use Committee,
Flathead County Long Range Planning Task Force

1. Members present: Jeff Harris, Chuck Roady, Karen Reeves, Myrt Webb
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. The committee will brief the Columbia Falls City Council, Tuesday 19 Feb at the Columbia Falls City Hall. Jeff Harris, Chuck Roady and Myrt Webb will attend.
4. An open unstructured discussion was held on the three taskings the committee has been assigned. Items discussed were:

Wildland/Urban Interface (WUI):

- Jeff mentioned that he had met with the county fire chiefs and they support the draft subdivision regs in regard to WUI fire protection.
- Supporting the draft subdivision regs section on fire protection in the WUI.
- In future federal and state requirements will get much more strict because of the cost of fighting fires in the WUI.
- We should recognize that some locations are not suitable for development, for example steep drainages, because of the lack of secondary access routes.

Rural Lands Board:

- Suggested members of the board: rep from the conservation district, the county ag extension agent, parks and rec board rep, a rep from the groups interested in pathways, a rep from the county fire chiefs. The previous should be combined with at large members that represent rural interests. Some urban representation is also needed.
- Suggested taskings; development of rural option other than subdivision, watershed planning.

Architectural Standards:

- Where architectural standards are applied is as important as what they are.
 - The standards adopted by Columbia Falls would be a good start for county standards.
5. The chair will complete a draft of our efforts on our three taskings for discussion at the next meeting.
 6. Next meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 4-6PM at the FCSWD Conference Room.